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Subject: "Possible Violation of the Act", letter of 12/30/12 to the campaign treasurer from Jeff S. Jordan, Supervisory Attorney, Complaints Examinations & Legal Administration

References: (1) Subject letter,
(2) Reports and Analysis Division referral to office of the General Counsel dated 12/23/11
(3) Description of Preliminary Procedures for Processing Possible Violations Discovered by the Federal Election Commission

Counsel and Members of the Commission:

As the candidate and sole campaign staffer responsible for Commission reporting, I thank you for the opportunity to respond to the subject letter. I was the only person on the campaign staff throughout the 2010 primary and general election periods dealing with FEC reporting requirements and, thus, take sole responsibility for the subject "possible violation".

Acknowledgement

I appreciate the importance of conforming to Federal Election Commission requirements regarding the reporting of campaign receipts and disbursements. Thus, I deeply regret and apologize for having fallen short of such requirements by way of late reporting on my first 48-hour report as well as subsequent corrections to a number of other reports.

Having done a cursory examination of the referenced referral by the Reports and Analysis Division to the Office of the General Counsel, I agree with the findings. I've also discussed these via correspondence and via phone with Analyst, Bradley Matheson, who has been most helpful.

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I'd like to take this opportunity to also express my gratitude for the excellent and timely support of FEC personnel in the Technical Support group who I know only as Stephanie and Kendra.

Background

I offer these facts strictly for your consideration and in no way as an excuse for either the late reporting of the first 48-hour report or the subsequent corrections to other reports, which were quite extensive.

I had no experience in elections campaigns of any kind prior to deciding in February 2010 to enter the primary for California's 30 congressional District.

My background is engineering and in my small aerospace systems design firm, I've been doing the bookkeeping and tax reporting myself for over 30 years. As such, I decided early in the subject campaign that I would do the FEC reporting for the campaign - with a paid assistant to do the bookkeeping for contributions. This proved, of course, to be a very regrettable decision as the amount of work required was far greater than I had adequate time for - given that my priority was attempting to be elected.

Unfortunately, I didn't take the time to learn all of the reporting requirements until after the first 48-hour report was due. Moreover, especially after the primary campaign ended and the general election campaign began, my workload was such that I overlooked reporting receipts from myself by way of credit card expenditures; I failed to report these on the initial October quarterly report.

As a result of not adequately manning the staff for FEC reporting, I made other mistakes. Ultimately, I reviewed the entire reporting record through both election campaigns and made final corrections. The reasons for most of the changes were reported in the Miscellaneous Electronic Submission ("Form 99") of 09/21/11 following discussion with the Analyst, Bradley Morrison.

I also filed a Termination Report for the period ending 11/16/11.

Conciliation Request

May I request conciliation of this case? If it is not too early to do so, I would like to request such at this time.

By way of mitigating factors, I offer the following:

1) Complaints from Primary Opponents? - Although I've not checked the FEC record, I'm guessing that I've received no complaints from any of my primary opponents. (I'm happy to say that I was on good terms personally with all of them and even hired one of them as my campaign manager for the general election).

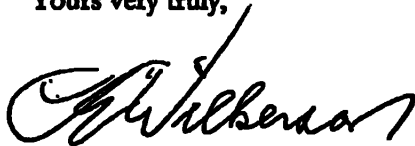
2) General Election Outcome - I ran against an 18-term incumbent who defeated me by a factor of 2:1.

3) Citizen - The day after Christmas 1950, after hearing of our retreat from the Chosen Reservoir in N. Korea, I joined the U.S. Marine Corps, proudly served in the Korean campaign in 1952, and was honorably discharged in January 1954.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

I hereby attest that all of the above statements are true and factual.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "C. Wilkerson", written in dark ink.

Charles E. Wilkerson

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